

INTRODUCTIONS

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Most people now agree that the Vietnam War was a complete disaster. It produced countless deaths and injuries, unfortunate rifts between the United States and her allies, a generation of American citizens who have learned to distrust their government, and a country which will be suffering the effects of defoliation for years. Why in the world did we fight it? Primarily, I think, for three reasons.

Like many Renaissance plays, Hamlet deals with politics and sex. And, also like many Renaissance plays, it has its sensationalistic elements -- suicide, madness, and murder. But Hamlet is far more than a typical bloody Renaissance revenge tragedy. It is, I would suggest, primarily a play about thinking and wondering, in short, a play about what it is like to be human.

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First of all, we must solve these problems because...

I sat in the car the other day, waiting for gas. I had a good deal of time to think, and what I thought was that the United States simply must come up with a solution to its energy problems. We must do so because it is very aggravating to sit in a car, waiting for gas, and soon merely the thought of doing so will cramp our lifestyles; people will put off taking trips and using their cars with freedom. Also gas is getting to be so expensive that the cost is prohibitive. Rich people of course don't feel the crunch that much but the poorer and middle class people in our country certainly do. And finally we must do something because to be put in such an unfortunate economic and political situation is bad for the country's morale.

Gas is a valuable commodity. We now pay huge amounts for it -- and stand in line for the privilege of doing so. In the following paper I will prove that we must solve the energy shortage for three very important reasons.

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Intro

Rarely does a historian create such a stir as did Sherri Lou Lynda Smith at the most recent meeting of the American Historical Association (AHA). Speaking to a practically deserted (it was Christmas Eve) session on Morality and the Revolutionary War, she began her address in calm tones. Before she was halfway through, however, the twenty people present had dashed for the exits and the telephones to call their friends. By the time Smith was concluding, more than five hundred people were listening mesmerized to the still calm tones. Her voice may have been measured, but the theory Smith suggested to her fellow historians was stunningly radical.

Conclusion

Smith's theory that the Revolutionary War should never have been fought clearly needs, as we have seen, some more elaboration. But the courage and originality of Smith's formulation make it easy to understand why those five hundred historians were so fascinated back on that dreary Saturday evening in December.

3) GRACEFUL CONCLUDING WORDS:

In short, Professor Smith's ridiculous ideas about the Revolutionary War

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Professor Smith, then, has proven herself to be one of those few scholars in every generation who change completely the way people think about certain historical events....